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General Comment

Pregnancy is not a disease, and drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care that the government should require all Americans to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of "preventative services" the federal government is mandating in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS's new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to follow all organizations and individuals to offer sponsor, and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions. Further, this mandate is contrary to the assurance of Sen Mikulski, author of the preventative services provision, that abortion would not be mandated in any way